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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Security Committee

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5 MAY 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[Redacted]  
Deputy Director of Security  
for Policy and Management

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FROM:

[Redacted]  
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court

1. Attached for your information are documents pertaining to the establishment of and security procedures for the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. You may wish to retain these for reference by Messrs. Gambino and [Redacted] if security policy issues bearing on the court arise.

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2. Descriptions of the attached documents follow:

a. Public Law 95-511 is the statute establishing the court. Note sections 102(a)(3) and (4), 103(c), and 105(b)(2)(C) pertaining to security procedures.

b. Chief Justice of the United States letter to the Attorney General dated 27 Feb 1979 identifying the judges he intends to designate to the court and the court of review established by the statute.

c. CIA OGC letter to Allan N. Kornblum, Department of Justice, dated 28 Feb 1979, stating Agency wishes with respect to the then draft security procedures for the court.

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d. CIA OGC memorandum for the record dated 13 Mar 1979 advising of DCI concurrence in a revised approach taken towards the draft security procedures for the court, with attached copy of letter from the Attorney General to the Chief Justice forwarding the security procedures agreed to within the executive branch.

e. Chief Justice letter to Attorney General and DCI dated 2 May 1979 forwarding the security procedures for the court which he proposes to make public on or about 18 May 1979.

f. General Counsel memo to DCI reflecting the Director's concurrence in recommending [redacted] of the SECOM staff to serve as security officer for the court. The court itself will select the person to so serve.

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3. The court will use the secure conference room (#6744) at main Justice for all its hearings. Chambers (office) for the judge will be close by on the same floor. The court will have a staff of three - a full-time clerk/secretary; a somewhat less than full-time legal officer retained on a contract basis [they have a retired Justice attorney in mind for this]; and a security officer from the executive branch.

4. I am providing the same material to [redacted]

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